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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know what kind of connexion they are speaking of ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Relationship."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know if these students are expected to have worked on any farms before they are admitted into the college ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is not possible."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire if in addition to the course requiring University degree, the Government think of providing another course in regard to agricultural classes which does not require University degrees ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir."

Steps taken for agricultural improvement in Telugu districts.

* 392 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether any steps were taken for (1) seed improvement, and (2) cultural improvement and manures in the Telugu districts and particularly in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts ?

A.—The answer is in the affirmative.

Number of demonstrators in Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts.

* 393 Q.—Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many demonstrators there are in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts and whether any demonstration plots are selected by them in the ryots' fields ; and

(b) if so, what are the villages where the demonstration plots have been opened ?

A.—(a) There are four demonstrators in the Ganjam district and six in the Vizagapatam district. These officers are conducting demonstrations of improved agricultural methods on the ryots' lands in their respective jurisdictions.

(b) A list of villages[a] with the nature of the demonstrations conducted during the years 1926–27 and 1927–28 is appended.

Number of maistris in the Agricultural department.

* 394 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of agricultural maistris now working in the department ;

(b) where they are working ; and

(c) the nature of work on which they are employed respectively ?

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 117–118 infra.

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There are at present 80 maistris employed by the department and these are distributed as follows :—

I Circle	... ...	13
II ,,	... ...	6
III ,,	... ...	10
IV ,,	... ...	12
V ,,	... ...	7
VI ,,	... ...	13
VII ,,	... ...	9
VIII ,,	... ...	10
		80

The Government have no information about the exact places where these maistris are now working.

(*c*) These maistris are attached to Agricultural Demonstrators and aid them in demonstrating improved methods of agriculture and the use of improved implements. They are used to construct Sindewahe furnaces, to give demonstration with iron ploughs, roll-easy whote wheels, the drill sowing of cotton, the wrapping and propping of sugarcanes, the thin sowing of paddy nurseries, the economic transplanting of paddy, etc.

Cost of running the Taliparamba agricultural farm.

*395 *Q.*—Mr. K. Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the annual cost of running the Taliparamba agricultural farm;

(*b*) whether it is an experimental farm; and

(*c*) if so, what experiments were till now done in the farm and with what result?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to page 17 of the annual report of the Taliparamba Experiment Station for 1927–28.

(*b*) It is an experimental station.

(*c*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the annual reports of this station.

Industries

Liabilities of the Carnatic Paper Mills Company, Limited.

*396 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the total liabilities of the Carnatic Paper Mills were when the first loan was made; and

(*b*) whether the Government gave that loan on the condition that the firm should utilize the amount for paying up its liabilities and for no other purpose?

A.—(*a*) Rupees 5,81,202.

(*b*) Yes.